Webinar Questions and Responses

TIDE (Test Information Distribution Engine) Webinar 9/22/2016

Understanding the new TIDE Interface and Troubleshooting Tips

1) Is the SDE changing the ISEE upload codes for LEP to match these TIDE codes?

- We were asked by our LEP staff to add these specific codes.

2) The SO Screened Out option isn't one we have in our SIS for ISEE purposes. Is it new this year?

- We were asked by our LEP staff to add these specific codes. SO is a field from ISEE.

3) Our ISEE files contain X3 and X4 which would be reflected in our SIS. . .This could cause an issue when downloading information from our SIS and uploading to TIDE. What is advised?

- The LEP Status codes of X3 and X4 were just added to ISEE this year. If you are extrapolating data to include X3 and X4 on your ISEE upload, you are to include any students you have in these categories to FL for the TIDE upload. These are the only codes we were asked by our LEP Director to include in TIDE for this year. *No, SO, EW, L1, LE, FL, X1, X2*. I am not sure if that will add a step for you when you do your TIDE entry, but these are the only codes that we were asked to represent in TIDE for ISAT Testing.

4) The fact that our Idaho ISAT data elements are different from other SDE division requirements is inconvenient and inconsistent. Perhaps the ISEE requirements need to be adjusted back to using only X1 and X2 for exited EL students.

- We will take that under advisement.

5) Why was the "move student to another school in your district" moved to a state level rather than district level rights set?

 - Good question! That is not what we are wanting, so we have asked AIR to change those rights. I'm not exactly sure when this will be deployed. Stay tuned!

6) The presenter said that the Excel format was recommended for upload. Excel not only strips the leading zero from month but also from day. There sample student upload file had been manipulated to display dates in a Text format. Excel doesn't work that way. Changing a date format (default) download to a text or number is not easy. How do they suggest doing this?

- The Excel Student Upload Template available in TIDE has already been formatted to accept leading zeros. However, if you wish to format the cells to accept leading zeros, you may do so by following these steps: select the entire column, right click and select "Format Cells", and then select TEXT from all the options listed on the left side of the pop-up window. This will automatically format the cells to accept leading zeros.

7) In large districts (10000 or more) the non-participation numbers could include 300-600 entries. This is limited to the district level????? That seems excessive- Is there an upload process?

- You might inquire within about how it was completed in the last two years of testing. Perhaps your

district has a procedure in place for completing this. There is currently no option to <u>upload</u> non-participation codes (this was also not available last year). I don't believe there is a plan to offer an upload process for this task. However, if this is a critical feature we can discuss it with AIR and they will need to evaluate the feasibility of providing this.

8) What method will we use to request SDE move a student to "other school"?
- Your DC or DA can send Nancy an email. However, right now, the best option you have is to add them to their new school and they will automatically be deleted from their old school. A student is automatically removed from the old school when a new school record is received. There is NO need to manually remove from the old school.

9) The new TIDE User Guide does not have the section on Test Improprieties. Is this information in another document this year?
- This information will be added as we get closer to the summative test window (when this will be necessary). You will be notified when the updated document is available.

10) Am I understanding correctly that to move a student from one school to another MUST be done by contacting the SDE - this makes sense if the student is moving from one district to another, otherwise, a DC should be able to move students within their own district.
- Agreed! Right now your best option is to simply add them at the new school and they will be automatically deleted from the old school. A student is automatically removed from the old school when a new school record is received. There is NO need to manually remove from the old school.

11) Is the school required to enter information for students that have been opted out of the ISAT by parents?
- Yes, but only for the Summative assessment, at the end of the window.

12) For ethnicity, can students be listed in multiple ethnic categories?
- Multiple ethnic categories are allowed. You can choose yes for all flags.

13) What are the pros and cons for using rosters?
- Rosters are necessary to view data in certain ways. For teachers to see current students ISAT data, they will need to have a roster of those students. Also, we have many districts that use the Interim assessments, and having rosters allows teachers to continually get data on teaching and learning for smaller groups of students. If the data set is two large, for example 167 students vs. 30, a teacher would not be able to look at her data by class/period.

14) My district will not be giving the interim assessment, so what is the best time to upload our student data file?
- Just before the summative assessment window opens. Actually the sooner the better, since this year our Summative window starts early with Science going live on 2/6

15) Is there an upload template that includes student accommodations and supports?
- Yes, student settings are covered in this webinar. We also have an Accessibility/Accommodations

webinar coming up on October 12 which will go into more detail. This template is available under the Test Settings and Tools drop down list. Users can then select the Upload Student Settings and download the template from this page.

16) Can the secure browser be available on the download Resource dropdown?
- I don't know if it COULD, but it is currently not configured that way. All the browser downloads are in the Technology section. There is also access to the Secure Browsers on the Home page of the ISAT portal by selecting the Secure Browsers card located on the right hand side.

17) Can we delete old files that were previously downloaded? Or just leave them there?
- It would be advisable to delete *Users* that are no longer employees in your district.

18) At some point will the SDE be pulling data from ISEE and exporting into TIDE? This would be so helpful to districts.
- No, that is not in the future any time soon. One reason is that there is not even an upload until late October, and districts start Interim testing in late August/September. There would not be anything to pull until early November. If we downloaded all ISEE data into TIDE at that time, it would override all of the info districts already have in the system.